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20	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
22	Coffee Night – Kookaburra Cafe	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
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2	Mt Mitchell Circuit	Trevor	3269 4795	DW	
7	Helidon Hills	Phil	5522 9702	DW	M44
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15	JTS – The Alliance Hotel	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
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18	BCBC Meeting	Russ	3374 3534	Meet	
21	White’s Hill Night Navigation	FMR		Trg	
24	Our Lady Of The Way Mass	Justin	3366 3193	Rel	
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19	JTS – Archive Bar	Phil	5522 9702	Soc	
20	Sunset on Mt Warning			DW	
24	Coffee Night	Michael	0409 620714	Soc	
26/28	Yamahra Creek	Michael	0409 620714	BC	
Jul 2	Trachyte Circuit & Mt Tibberwoccum	Phil	5522 9702	DW	
4	Toombul to Sandgate			DW	
10	James Boag @ the Courtyard	Liz	3356 4874	Soc	
11/12	FMR Training Weekend	FMR		Trg	

The Calendar is subject to change without notice

WARNING: All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertakes all activities of the Club at their own risk.

KEY – Walk Types

DW	Day Walk	½ DW	Half Day Walk
ON	Over Nighter	BC	Base Camp
TW	Through Walk	CW	City Walk
TRN	Training	S&T	Safety & Training
FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue	SOC/SW	Social/Social Walk

KEY – Walk Gradings

Distance	Terrain	Fitness/Endurance
Short Under 10km per day	1 - Smooth reasonably flat path	1 - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Flat
	2 - Graded path/track with minor obstacles	2 - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Minor Hills
Medium 10-15km per day	3 - Graded track with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	3 - Easy - Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Undulating terrain
	4 - Rough unformed track or open terrain with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	4 - Easy - Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Up to 300m gain/loss per day
Long 15-20 km per day	5 - Rough or rocky terrain with small climbs using hands or rock hopping	5 - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to 450m gain/loss per day. Agility required
	6 - Steep, rough or rocky terrain with large climbs using hands or rock hopping	6 - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to 600m gain/loss per day. Agility required
Extra Long Over 20 km per day	7 - Climb/descend steep rock using hands or footholds. May be some exposure. Good upper body strength	7 - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to 750m gain/loss per day. High fitness. Endurance and agility required
	8 - Climb/descend near vertical rock with exposure. Climbing skills may be required	8 - High - Up to 8 hours walking. Up to 1000m gain/loss per day. High fitness. Endurance and agility required
	9 - Sustained climbing or descending of vertical or near vertical rock with exposure. Advanced climbing skills required. Good upper body strength	9 - Challenging - Up to 12 hours walking. Over 1000m gain/loss per day. Very high fitness. Endurance and agility required

Example: M48 is a medium walk 10 to 15kms long, over unformed rough ground with obstacles, in which the trip is hard or strenuous for fit walkers requiring agility and endurance.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

May the sun always shine on your window pane;
 May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain;
 May the hand of a friend always be near you;
 May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.



COMING EVENTS

TRIPS leave from St Brigid's car park at Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.

The "**Leaders Guide**" is on the web at:
<http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/LeadersGuideV5-02-06.html>

Leaders: Print your own Event Nomination Form from the Club's web site.

A reminder to visitors that you are required to do 2 walks before Committee officially declares you a Member of the Club.

LEADERS

If you make changes to your walk, such as date, where, cancel it – please tell the Outings Secretary Michael Simpson Ph: 0409 620714.

**14th TO 15th MARCH
SATURDAY TO SUNDAY
CLUB HUT FEAST
WALK-IN SOCIAL**

Leader: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 12 Noon. Non-stop to the
Lower Portals carpark.
Cost: Approx \$40.
Location: On beautiful Mt Barney Ck,
below the Lower Portals.
Web: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Banquet>
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 0418 122995.
RSVP: Wednesday 4th March.

What is a "Feast": A gathering of friends for the purpose of having a formal meal of several courses in nice surroundings spread out over a night.

What is "The Club Hut": it is a hut (Yalburu) built by members about 47 years ago on the banks of the lovely Barney Creek.

**Members, Visitors, Friends & Family
are invited to Dinner at Yalburu**

Each year in March at the time of the anniversary of our Hut's opening in 1967, the Club holds a birthday party for it – we call it "The Feast."

The Feast consists of five courses of food spread over five hours of Saturday evening. The food is a combined effort of all those attending. As the organiser, I work out the menu and then ask the attendees to buy/prepare the food and drink for the various courses. With the work spread out amongst a dozen people, there is not much to do for each person. Some will buy the nibblies, some prepare the entree, some cook and present the main courses, others prepare the deserts and finally there are the cookies and coffee.

We start nibblies about 5pm as the main cooks prepare the courses to follow. Various wines and other beverages are on offer. Dress is semi-formal top and bushwalking bottom.

The Hut can sleep approximately eight comfortably, and some do bring tents and sleep outside. The Hut is a substantial building with good solid walls, ample ventilation, concrete floor, table & stools, it is water tight; considering it is out in the bush, it is a wonderful place.

The cost of transport and food is calculated from all your receipts and divided by the

number of people attending – so the cost is not set in advance; but is not normally over \$40.

What to bring: spare clothes, Sunday breakfast, sleeping bag/light blanket, water, toiletries, small towel, togs, small pillow or something to suite the purpose, something to put under you when sleeping (but not too bulky/heavy, platex2, bowlx2, mugx2, cutleryx3, tea towel, smart casual top, comfy shoes, camera, torch, a share of the feast food, receipts, and cash.

Be prepared to carry in your own personal gear, and a share of the "feasting food & drinks." If you want to sleep outside, include a tent.

There will be a reduced price for non and low drinkers of alcohol. The cost will be calculated at Yalburu, so bring your receipts and cash.

Sleep in the BCBC hut - borrow a sleeping bag or a light blanket. Borrow a weekend pack. The Club has a few to hire out.

The drive from Red Hill to the Portals carpark is 90 minutes. Have lunch before you leave home as we will be driving straight to Barney. The walk carrying your pack is approximately two hours – up minor hill & down small dale. There are approximately four small ridges and one low creek to cross on your way into The Hut. Two hours is a very short day walk.

Ring or e-mail me as soon as possible so I can start the preparations.

**SUNDAY 15th MARCH
CLUB HUT
DAY WALK**

Leader: Michele Johns 3353 2822 or
0414 635542.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 6.30am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool, \$2 (private)).
Grading: S34.
Location: BCBC Hut, on Mt Barney Creek,
West of Rathdowney.
Emerg Off: Michele Endicott 3351 4092.

Come and experience part of the history of the club and join me on a walk to the club hut on beautiful Mt. Barney Creek. The hut is steeped in history being built in the sixties by enthusiastic club members with most material carried by hand.

The hut is a four kilometre walk from the Lower Portals carpark. There are a couple of easy creek crossings and slight uphill sections but

the walk is definitely within the capabilities of most people.

Bring memories, morning tea to share, catch up with friends, relive those early trips spent at the hut and be part of this history as we celebrate the club huts birthday.

Bring the usual day walk gear, morning tea to share as well as your swimmers.

MONDAY 16th MARCH PRE MEETING FISH & CHIPS SOCIAL

Contact: Justin Tobin 3366 3193.
Where: Fisherman's Café,
Cnr Wardell St & Samford Rd.
Time: 6.00pm.

Join us for fish and chips at Enoggera before we head up the hill to the meeting.

MONDAY 16th MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

Time: 7.30pm – Doors open & meeting starts soon after.
Where: St Michael's Parish Hall, 250 Banks St, Dorrington (in the lower carpark behind the church. Drive down the ramp at the left.)
Web: <http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/page4.html>

Come along to hear about what has been really happening at recent club events, as well as our coming events and past walks. Ask questions of our leaders about their coming events, so that you can make up your mind as to whether to come on the walk. Nominate for a walk. Nominate to lead an outing. Stay for supper. Bring those recent bushwalking snaps.

FRIDAY 20th MARCH THE CRITERION HOTEL JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

Leader: Phil Murray 0416 650160.
Address: 239 George Street.
Time: From 4pm till 9ish.
What For: A chat and a beer and a meal.
Emerg Off: Phil Murray 0413 307580.
Web: <http://www.criteriontavern.com.au/>

Come along and enjoy our traditional monthly gathering. We last came here back in 2006. It was extensively refurbished several years ago and it has a very modern look.

Brisbane is a busy bustling city where there are so many people but most of them are strangers

so it is reassuring to be able to catch up with friends in a friendly oasis. It is a nice venue near City Hall and I think we can hear the chime of the Town Hall's Bell's. (I know they chime every hour but I can't remember if they also chime at the half hour or whether they also chime on the quarter hour – it will be our research program for the night). So we will sit near the Adelaide Street side so we can hear the bells.

So come along for a great night for a drink of water or wine or a beer and a meal.

SUNDAY 22nd MARCH OBI OBI LILO TRIP DAY WALK

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702.
Meet at: To be advised.
Grade: M66.
Distance: Approximately 12kms.

The Obi Obi trip is a lilo trip where we float down a rainforest stream. Obi Obi is located in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland near Montville. The walk starts near Baroon Pocket Dam and finishes at the bridge on the Mapleton to Kenilworth Road.

There are about 20 pools of water that are often joined by rapids that we can float down. But sometimes we need to walk around the rapids. One of the highlights of the trip is the paddle through the Narrows as the 50 metre high gorge walls tower above you.

For those who are new to bushwalking a lilo is a canvas airbed and a lilo trip is similar to canoe trip but on a lilo airbed. And the Obi Obi lilo trip is the best lilo trip around. It is a real buzz floating down a rainforest creek on lilos.

It is a real asset if you can swim as the prospects of coming off are high. As we are in moving water there is of course a potential for things to go wrong (including drowning) so you have to bring your water smarts along and be brave but respectful of the power of nature.

Please contact me to get further details about what food to bring and what clothes to wear.

The height of the water in the dam in late February was surprisingly very low at 8 metres below the spillway. The level has risen markedly thanks to Tropical Cyclone Marcia. It is now 68cms below the spillway and we still need some "top up" rain to ensure the water is over the spillway.

I already have 3 nominations for this trip from our newer members Alan H and Kylie M. Plus I am trying to get my sons to come along. Come and join us it is a real buzz. It's dangerous but fun.

WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH DINNER & COFFEE NIGHT SOCIAL

Leader: Michael Simpson 0409 620714.
Meet at: Taverner Lounge & Dining,
9/40 Blackwood St.
Mitchelton.
Time: 6.00pm for dinner or 7.30pm
for coffee.
Cost: Your choice – visit their
website for their menu.
Web: <http://tavernerloungeanddining.com.au/>
Emerg Off: Michael Simpson 0409 620714.

This month's Coffee Night is an old favourite, The Taverner, at Mitchelton. We have been to this venue several times and have always found it to be a popular and pleasant venue. I hope to see you there for either a meal or just coffee.

SATURDAY 28st MARCH FLINDERS PEAK DAY WALK

Leader: Trevor Kelly 3269 4795.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$15.00 (car pool, \$2 (private)).
Grading: M44.
Location: Flinders- Goolman
Conservation Estate.
Height: 679m
Emerg Off: Carol Kelly 0411 286885.

This is a combined walk with BOSQ.

With autumn now upon us we are heading into bushwalking season proper. Flinders Peak can be seen from parts of Brisbane and is major peak in the Ipswich – Logan area. Flinders Peak is part of the Teviot Range on the northern edge of the Scenic Rim and was originally named High Peak by Mathew Flinders. It became known as Flinders Peak after John Oxley was exploring this area in 1824.

It's worthwhile to consider Mt Flinders is a sacred site to the Ugarapul people, and the resting place of Yurrangpul guardian of traditions and sacred sites.

The Flinders to Greenbank-Karawatha wildlife corridor is home 136 bird, 25 mammal, 13 reptile and 8 amphibian species as well as 31 different flora species. (Information: Ipswich city Council guide for visitors to Flinders – Goolman Conservation Estate.)

We start our walk at the picnic ground and make our way up towards north western ridge which is rather steep in some parts; we will go around the razor back near the top It will be an early lunch on top to soak in the views of the scenic rim, and the Main Range.

Hope everybody can join me for an easy day walk.

SUNDAY 29th MARCH BWQ OPEN DAY PARTY

Contact: Desley Pedrazzini 3369 5530.
Where: Ashgrove Library,
87 Amarina Avenue, Ashgrove.
Why: To celebrate the opening of the
2015 peak bushwalking season.
Time: 10.00am to 3.00pm.
RSVP: Sunday 22nd March (for catering
purposes)

BWQ is running an Open Day to celebrate the opening of the 2015 peak bushwalking season. It will be held at the Ashgrove Library. You will need to bring your own lunch. There will be a cake cutting at 12 noon. It is envisaged that most aspects of bushwalking will be highlighted at the venue.

FRIDAY TO MONDAY 3rd TO 6th APRIL BUNYA MOUNTAINS BASE CAMP

Leader: Louise & Russell Jones
3399 4472 or 0437 185902.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 6.30am Friday.
Cost: \$60.00.
Grading: M33/44.
Location: Bunya Mountains near Dalby.
Emerg Off: Justin Tobin 3366 3193.

The Bunya Mountains, Queensland's second oldest National Park was gazetted in 1908 to protect the huge stand of Bunya Pine that exists on top of the mountain.

The Bunya's lie 200 km's northwest of Brisbane near Kingaroy and Nanango. The mountain top

will be our home for four days of great walking. Walks that will include the Barker Creek Circuit, Cherry Plain Circuit and a short walk to the highest point Mt Kiangarow; we may be able to get here to see the sun set. We should have enough time to do everything, including the walk along the Western Cliffs. Bunya pines, Grass Trees, Rain Forest, Grasslands, views, history ,great camp site, it's all here.

We have booked for 6 at Dandabah, so book early as you don't want to miss out, pack your tent, sleeping bag, stove and warm clothes as it could get cool, we are up high. Join us at the Bunya's for Easter. Easter Sunday Mass will be on the Mountain at 6.00 am, no driving, we will go to Mass and maybe a local café for breakfast. Don't forget those Easter eggs to share, no sense in leaving them at home.

SATURDAY 4th APRIL HIGHGATE HILL HERITAGE WALK DAY WALK

Leader: Gerry Burges 0404 947960.
Meet at: Orleigh Park,
Orleigh Street West End.
(Outside the West End Ferry
Terminal).
Time: 9.00am.
Cost: \$2 + GoCard Fares.
Grading: M11.
Location: Highgate Hill.
Emerg Off: Greg Endicott 3351 4092.

We will meet at Orleigh Park at 8:00am and discover some of the history of Highgate Hill. We will pass near the site of Brisbane's gruesome vampire murder before up into Highgate Hill proper. There will be grand classic residences, interesting café areas and fascinating architectures.

The day will be very leisurely so come along and learn some of the history of early settlement of Highgate Hill.

MONDAY 6th APRIL NORTHBROOK MOUNTAIN DAY WALK

Leader: Pat Lawton 3366 1956.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$10.00 (car pool, \$2 (private)).
Grading: M33.
Location: Mt D'Aguilar National Park.
Emerg Off: Susan Tobin 3366 3193.

Northbrook Mt. is located in the western part of D'Aguilar National Park and has a number of interesting cliffs and vegetation features.

We will access the mountain by walking along Lawton Road which is an old forestry road. About 1.5 kms.along the road we will head up a ridge to the top. Morning tea will be enjoyed once we reach the top. As we make our way along the top ridge, the going becomes a little rougher and a little bit of rock scrambling is required – none of this is difficult but a little care is required.

Eventually we drop down to England Creek forestry road, which later again joins Lawton Road. Lunch will be had at Eagles Nest, a rocky outcrop overlooking Northbrook Creek and Gorge.

On our return along Lawton Road you can see firsthand the work that was done to reopen this road after the heavy rains of a few years ago closed it for a year or so.

For the start of walk we walked DOWN Lawton Road and so the return will be UP UP!

This is not a hard walk, but it is off track and a little rough in parts. Suitable for any fit person. Water will need to be carried.

As usual this Easter Monday walk will be with Bushwalkers of Southern Qld (BOSQ).

THURSDAY 9th APRIL MT SUPERBUS & LINCOLN WRECK DAY WALK

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702.
Grade: M66.
Distance: Approximately 8kms.
Hgt Gain: Approximately 600m.

This walk to the Lincoln Wreck is to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the wreck of the Lincoln Bomber on Mt Superbus.

This walk will be from Teviot Gap. It is a bit steep in places up a very vague old 'track'. It is a very long day but very rewarding. I would recommend that you bring gaiters and gloves for this trip.

The walk is on a Thursday as that is the day of the anniversary. It is during the school holidays so hopefully there are a few people free for this walk.

We last did this walk as a day walk back in 2005 for the 50th Anniversary but we did it from the Emu Creek side. I already have a three

nominations for this classic walk that many "bushwalking purists" regard as a must do trip as Mt Superbus at 1,375m is the highest mountain in south east Queensland.

It is a place the club rarely visits so can I suggest to our stronger walkers to take the opportunity to join the Club on this 'must do' walk as it could be 5 to 7 years before we visit again.

History of the Lincoln Wreck



The Avro Lincoln bomber A73-64 of number 10 Squadron RAAF based in Townsville crashed into Mount Superbus near Emu Vale in the early hours of Easter Saturday morning on 9 April 1955.

The bomber was involved in a medical evacuation of a sick baby from Townsville to Eagle Farm airfield in Brisbane. The crew of four RAAF personnel and the two passengers were all killed in this tragic accident.

The aircraft took off from Garbutt airfield at 00.30 am on Saturday 9 April 1955. The aircraft encountered some cloud and rain as it approached southern Queensland. The aircraft had to fly at a relatively low altitude to ensure the baby had a comfortable flight.

At 4.05 am the aircraft contacted Brisbane Air Traffic Control to advise that they were flying in cloud at 6,000 feet. They advised that they would arrive in Brisbane in about 10 minutes time and sought a clearance to reduce altitude to 5,000 feet. Brisbane Air Traffic Control advised that they were cleared to drop to 5,000 feet and if they wished they could drop to 4,000 feet for the approach to Eagle Farm airfield.

A short time later Brisbane Air Traffic Control contacted them with weather information and asked them to confirm when they had obtained a visual fix on the town of Caboolture.

No further reports were heard from the Lincoln bomber. There were no low clouds in the Brisbane area at that time.

Sometime later, reports came in that an aircraft, later confirmed as a Lincoln, was heard to circle over the town of Bell at about 3.30 am. Bell is located about 18 miles north east of Dalby. Clearly A73-64 was well off course. The weather south of Bell was overcast with scattered rain.

At 4.14am some members of the Brisbane Bushwalking Club (our Club wasn't founded until a 1958 which was 3 years after this event) heard a large aircraft fly overhead followed by the noise of an impact and some large explosions. By their estimation it had slammed into a nearby mountain in the Main Range region of the Border Ranges near Emu Vale. This was later confirmed to be Mount Superbus, the highest mountain (1,375 metres) in southern Queensland.

A small group from the Bushwalking club was despatched immediately to Emu Vale to notify the relevant authorities. Five hours later a Canberra bomber from Amberley airbase was able to confirm the location of the still burning wreckage of Lincoln, A73-64 just below the summit of Mount Superbus.

Eric Steeden (recently deceased) a member of our Club was on that trip. He gave an impromptu talk about the crash at our June or July 2004 meeting. He indicated that the bushwalkers did all the hard work of finding the plane but when the official rescue workers turned up the bushwalkers were relegated to the margins and their assistance was no longer needed.

Those killed in this tragic accident were:-

- Wing Commander John Peter Costello (pilot)
- Squadron Leader Charles Surtees Mason MBE (co-pilot)
- Squadron Leader John Watson Finlay (navigator)
- Flight Lieutenant William George Stanley Cater (signaller)
- Baby Robyn Huxley
- Sister Mafalda Gray



Ewen Cameron, a local history buff, had indicated that he was putting together a book with photographs of the history of the Lincoln

crash. I contacted Ewen last year and he indicated that the book had stalled due to other commitments. He inferred that he may finish the book when he had more time available.

TUESDAY 14th APRIL THE BANFF FILM FESTIVAL SOCIAL

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650160.
Address: Upper Level,
Powerhouse Theatre,
199 Lamington Street,
New Farm.
Meet at: Watt Bar.
Time: 7.00pm to about 9.40pm.
Cost: Only \$35.
Web: <http://brisbanepowerhouse.org/events/2015/04/13/banff-mountain-film-festival-2015-tour/>

The Banff Mountain Film Festival is an international film competition and then there is worldwide presentation of the best short films and documentaries about mountain culture, sports, and environment. We have attended the last two years and it is real eye opener.

We changed to the Tuesday 11th April as the Friday night was booked out.

At this stage we have six members going. If you still want to go you can still buy tickets on line.

Hope to see you there.

WEDNESDAY 15th APRIL WEST CANUNGRA CREEK DAY WALK

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650160.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park,
78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.30am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool, \$2 (private)).
Grading: M33.
Location: O'Reillys.
Distance: Approximately 13.9kms.
Emerg Off: Sue Murray 5522 9702.

Join me on a medium graded track walk at O'Reilly's. It is an easy 14 km trip through lush green rainforest. The first stop will be at Picnic Rock. We then head down to Elabana Falls, then follow the track beside Canungra Creek. There are a few creek crossings here and unusually the water is not a problem. We will head down to Blue Pool for lunch and the keen

and eager can indulge in an optional swim. After lunch we will return to the cars at O'Reilly's.

I have attempted to lead this trip five times in the last five years. The first two got called off due to flooding rain (February 2010 and October 2010). The third time (March 2011) we started the walk but one of our group had a stumble and needed to take the short cut back to the car. So several of us headed back up the Box Forest Circuit and I missed out on Blue Pool. In 2012 I planned to do the trip on Australia Day but once again we got flooding rains and the trip was cancelled. In 2013 I planned to do the trip on Australia Day but it didn't go out. I think the track was closed and we did something else. (I will check my notes before the walk goes out). Hopefully, I will get there for the first time in about 20 years.

Please note this trip is a Wednesday Walk, yes a Wednesday but it is during the school holidays. Why a Wednesday? Well, there weren't any free weekends available to do the trip this summer so rather than miss out (the track often gets closed due to flood or storm damage) I wanted to do it before it gets closed again so we are going mid-week.

I hope you can join me on the day. If this trip gets called off some might say I am officially jinxed. Please feel free to bring some Australian cuisine to share e.g. Lamingtons. Please note there is 'a bit' of an uphill walk at the end of the day.

FRIDAY 17th APRIL THE IRISH CLUB JOHN TOOHEY SOCIETY

Leader: Phil Murray 0416 650160.
Address: 40 Edward Street.
Time: From 4pm till 9ish.
What For: A chat and a beer and a meal.
Emerg Off: Phil Murray 0413 307580.
Web: <http://www.queenslandirish.com/>

The Club has a regular gathering in town for a social drink and a chat on a Friday once a month on the third Friday of the month.

For the month of March we are meeting at the Irish Club. The official name of the Club is the Irish Association of Queensland. We usually gather on the ground floor bar on the right hand side just past the entry but last year we were around to the left hand side. Come in, we will be there. The Irish Club is a very nice establishment. The Club is about 200 metres

north of the Myer Centre. As it is a club you have to sign in.

The notable beers at the Irish Club are Harp, Guinness and Kilkenny. The JTS society has a keen appreciation of the dark beers and this month we are in beer heaven as the Guinness and Kilkenny are superb dark beers.

JTS meetings are a lovely excuse to come into town on a Friday night and feel the buzz of the city and meet up with a group of friends to share a drink, a meal and a chat. So come along and meet up with friends and discuss your last interstate trip or your next overseas trip and start dreaming about your next trips OS.

In particular we are interested in those who have beer tasting reports from interstate and overseas locales.

So come along and have a good night in town.

The 118-year-old Queensland Irish Association (aka the Irish club) has been placed in voluntary administration after directors of the club resolved that the enterprise was "insolvent or is likely to become insolvent at some future time". The Club is still trading and is still selling beers but we may need to have a 'solid' Plan B in place just in case the doors get locked before we visit in April.

I should note that one of our members Bob Iron forewarned us of this problem with the Irish Club about 2 years ago. So Bob can say "I told you so".

SATURDAY 18th APRIL MT EERWAH AND MT ALLAN DAY WALK

Leader: Justin Tobin 3366 3193 or 0417 710371 (daytime 7.30-2.30).
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$20.00 (car pool, \$2 (private)).
Grading: M55/M44.
Emerg Off: Susan Tobin 3366 3193.

Mt Eerwah at 379 mtrs above sea level is in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland on the way up to Kenilworth. A bit of a scrub track takes us over gullies, through lantana, vine forest, rainforest and endangered plant species to arrive at the welcome sign and first peak. Here you may rest and wait or continue on to the second peak, more scrubby and loose rocks but hopefully a view as the views on the first peak are rather

limited. Lunch will be on top before retracing our steps to the car. Then we are off to the Conondales on the other side of Kenilworth for our walk to Mt Allan (593 mtrs). We will use the Great Walk Track to do a traverse of the mountain. Starting up where the track crosses Sunday Creek Road to Summer Falls and finishing at Charlie Moreland for a swim. The Fire Tower has just re-opened for those great views right across the Hinterland and out to the Coast. Coffee on the way home to finish what should be an enjoyable day climbing another two peaks on the Sunshine Coast. Come and join me.

SUNDAY 19th APRIL WHITE'S HILL NAVIGATION TRAINING FMR TRAINING

Leader: FMR Leader.
Contact: Michael Simpson 3366 3193.
Meet at: Jones Road and Kildare Street Entrance to White's Hill Reserve, Camp Hill.
Time: 7.30am.
Cost: Free.
Location: White's Hill Reserve, Camp Hill.
Web: <http://fmrqld.bwq.org.au/>

FMR (Federation Mountain Rescue) is a non-profit association operating in Queensland Australia and is affiliated with Bushwalking Queensland Inc. Its aim is to keep Queensland bushwalkers safe by teaching them to navigate, belay, and look after their parties. To achieve this they offer training programmes to all members of clubs also affiliated with Bushwalking Queensland Inc.

The first such programme this year is a two and a half hour navigation instruction followed by a two hour rogaine style event through the state forest. This is an ideal opportunity for our members to obtain excellent training with experienced bushwalkers.

MONDAY 20th APRIL MONTHLY MEETING

Time: 7.30pm – Doors open & meeting starts soon after.
Where: St Michael's Parish Hall, 250 Banks St, Dorrington (in the lower carpark behind the church. Drive down the ramp at the left.)
Web: <http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/page4.html>

Come along to hear about what has been really happening at recent club events, as well as our coming events and past walks. Ask questions of our leaders about their coming events, so that you can make up your mind as to whether to come on the walk. Nominate for a walk. Nominate to lead an outing. Stay for supper. Bring those recent bushwalking snaps.

**THURSDAY 7th MAY
HELIDON HILLS
DAY WALK**

Leader: Phil Murray 5522 9702 or 0416 650160.
Meet at: St Brigid's Car Park, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
Time: 7.00am.
Cost: \$20 (car pool, \$2 (private)).
Grading: M44.
Location: Near Toowoomba.
Distance: Approximately 9kms.
Hgt Gain: 400m
Emerg Off: Sue Murray 5522 9702.

This will be the first official Thursday mid-week walk. Helidon Hills, is just north of Helidon (which is east of Toowoomba). Much of this area is State Forest.

The walk is a circuit around a huge valley at the end of Red Bank Creek. I did a pre-outing with the Toowoomba Bushwalkers last year and it was a good little walk. The area is mainly dry eucalyptus woodland with many native wildflowers species (pea flowers, acacias, a couple of Grevillea and Banksia species, persoonias, grass trees, etc.) They aren't prolific flowering species but a keen eye will spot most of them. As an aside there was an excellent wildflower display on the Mt Mathieson walk. This walk was programmed in August last year but heavy rain made the roads a bit tricky for ordinary two wheel drive cars so the walk was cancelled.

There is a book called "Bush Walks in the Toowoomba Region" (by N.McKilligan and I.Savage, published by the University of Southern Queensland Press) that provides a useful reference for this trip.

I have always wanted to explore this area. As far as I am aware our Club has never ventured into this part of the area before. A few decades ago Barry Ellerington led a trip around the Murphy's Creek area which is about 10 kms to the west of where we will be walking.

So come along and be a "First Explorer" on the Club's first Thursday of the month. I should note that Justin's has suggested that these trips should be called WOTS ON which is derived from Walking on Thursday.

Bring the usual day walk stuff plus a jumper as we will be coming into the cooler months.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At our Annual Mass I had the pleasure of presenting our Bushwalking Awards. Michele Johns, our Bushwalker of the Year, was unable to attend as she was on an extended walk in the Southern Alps of New Zealand. Her remarks to me when I advised her she had been nominated are worth repeating. Michele said that joining the Club was "the best thing I have ever done" and "wished she had joined the Club earlier". Michele indicated that she was "happy to tell people all about the Club". Thank you – Michele.

At the last committee meeting the committee began decisions on Office Holders" for 2015. See page 3 of the Annual Report to see the long list for 2014. Hopefully the process will be finalised by next month.

At the suggestion of Phil Murray, the Club will offer a range of mid-week walks on the first Thursday of each month. I hope this opportunity is taken up enthusiastically.

A Mass to acknowledge Our Lady of the Way will be held on Saturday, 23 May 2015 to be followed by breakfast. Timing and location will be made available shortly. The Club will re-introduce what was once an annual event by holding a Retreat on Saturday, 24 October 2015. Please note your diary.

At the May meeting John and Lyn Daly, authors of many bushwalking books will be speaking at the meeting. In July we are planning a swap and sale night of gear. This is an opportunity to sell equipment you don't need or buy some missing piece that you need.

Bushwalking Queensland is holding a party at Ashgrove Library, 87 Amarina Avenue, Ashgrove from 10am to 3pm to celebrate the start of the Bushwalking Season. BYO lunch but tea / coffee and afternoon tea are provided. All members are welcome. This is a good chance to meet members from other Clubs and find how much we have in common.

On the last day of summer I was at the Upper Portals and I can advise that there is a good

flow of water in Barney Creek. It was almost at minor flood level.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 19/1/15	\$3752.16
Plus Receipts	\$1693.72
	\$5445.88
Less Payments	\$120.65
Balance 16/2/15	\$5325.23
Term Deposit	\$2722.34

I am still collecting donations for The Little Kings charity where amounts of two dollars and over are tax deductible.

We now have three samples of our new club t-shirt. (A men's medium and ladies' 14 and 18 to help you confirm what size you need to order.) You urgently need to place and pay for your orders by the 31st March. If you can't do this in person, you can direct deposit into our bank account, (BSB 514 179 A/c. No. 1567184 referencing your name), and send us an e-mail advising quantity and size. The introductory price is thirty dollars.

Please note that those who have not renewed their membership will not receive any more magazines until they do so. The renewal form and details were in the January magazine. Terry.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Bernadette Desmond, Barbara Eastoe, Stephen Endicott, Jan Nelson, James Parra, Kerriane Pearce, Julie Philippi, Justin Tobin, Robin Thorn, Susan Walsh, Michael Wood and Christine Walker are celebrating their birthdays in March. Belated birthday greetings to Kylie Moore who had a birthday in February.

Maria Stalker did her second walk with us on Trevor's Bare Rock walk. Gerry's Orleigh Park to Teneriffe walk saw Louise Johnson do her second walk with us and Sandra Goleby and Julie Boal do their first walk with us. John Carter's Mts. Mathieson and Alphen saw Elizabeth Bailey and Trish Rashad join us for their first walk. Visitors are always most welcome on any of our activities.

Patricia Mackie recently returned from a holiday in Tasmania. Maxine Brophy, Michele and Richard Johns have just returned from walking in New Zealand. Pat Lawton and Jonas Bernotas have just had a trip to Lord Howe Island. Mervyn and Maria Galvin have also just returned from a holiday in New Zealand. Ray

Rowe also, recently spent some time in New Zealand. (It seems that Tasmania and New Zealand are the destinations of choice at the moment as Michael Simpson, Karen Franklin, Peter Constable and Paul Evans have just returned from walking in New Zealand.)

It is with great sadness we advise the death of Peter Constable's mother, Lorna Dorward. Lorna had been unwell for some time. May she rest in peace. Our prayers are with the family in this difficult time.

OUTINGS RAMBLINGS

G'day.

Congratulations, to Michele for receiving the Ed Nally Bushwalker of the Year for 2014. The award was announced in the annual report, so I will just say well done and no one deserves it more than you.

Another month of walking has passed, read the leaders reports to remind yourself what a good time you had or what you missed by not going. March and autumn has arrived, Gerry has led his first walk for the Club (silent applause please) and has another one on Holy Saturday. To all our leaders and walkers thank you for putting the walk in BCBC.

To our visitors, come on a few walks and socials to get to know us. All walks are different and you will soon find a walk that suits you. We all came into the club as strangers; bushwalking was just a word on a piece of paper, BCBC was a name in the phone book. We stayed, strangers became friends, and friends became walking companions for a lifetime. You are joining a club that with your new friends you will discover the hidden secrets and beauty of South East Qld, journey interstate and around the globe. You will be amazed at what walking there is out there and what a friendly club we are. We can take you but you have to take that first step, your first step will soon turn into thousands, your first Mountain will be the beginning of many. You will soon be saying "I should have joined years ago." Come and journey with us.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Update on New members

No new members in February.

Update on Membership Numbers

Number of members as at 2 March is 108.

Terry indicated at the March committee that 60 members had paid their 2015 subs. Just a reminder – if your subs aren't paid by April 1 the usual practice is that you will not receive a copy of the April magazine, so please don't miss out.

Update on Publicity Flyer.

There was a bulk mail out (62 letters) to the parishes on Tuesday 3-2-2015. We have had feedback from about 6 members (10%) about their parish placing a message in the parish Bulletin or placing the poster on the notice board.

I am looking forward to hearing feedback from more members. I hope to get feedback from members from about 30 parishes.

I should note that so far I haven't heard about any more enquiries attributed to the note about the Club in the parish bulletins.

Update on Visitors Questionnaire

Last month I mentioned about the project to request visitors to complete a questionnaire about how they found out about the Club.

On the Mt Mathieson walk I asked the 2 visitors if they would mind completing the questionnaire and they willingly obliged. I thank them for their participation.

I will note that several of our members over the years have claimed that they joined the Club as "they were answering the call of the mountains" and in particular the call of Mt Barney. I wasn't sure if they were pulling my leg and I thought I would include it as a question in the questionnaire.

2. What called you to bushwalking?

- a. Did you always want to visit a certain place or mountain eg to visit O'Reilly's or climb Mt Barney. (Yes or No)
- b. Did you come as you wanted to get fit for an overseas trek eg the Camino or Nepal. (Yes or No)
- c. I am a true believer - I was called by the mountains and I am answering the call. (Yes or No)
- d. I mainly just wanted to get fit or involved in a group. (Yes or No)

I note that two visitors on the Toolona Creek Circuit trip indicated that they were called by the mountains. I will also mention that one of our very recent new members saw the questionnaire and volunteered to complete the questionnaire. I think she wanted to complete the questionnaire just to be able to state that she was called to the mountains. Results to date show that 50% of respondents have indicated that one of the key reasons they joined the Club was that they were "called by the mountains".

Introducing the "Pocket Guide"

The "Pocket Guide" is a little slip of paper to give to visitors to give them a quick list of the Club's activities.

It is a list of the walks and socials for the year. It is on a slip of paper that folds down to nearly a credit card size that can be stored in your pocket, your wallet, and your purse or even use it as a book mark.

Sample copies were distributed at the February meeting. We plan to send the 'Pocket Guide' out as a supplement to the March magazine.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE

Your 2015 subs are due by end of March 2015. After that date, if your subs haven't been paid your membership will be suspended.

If you haven't paid your 2015 subs, please pay as soon as possible.

- ❖ By post to PO Box 31, Red Hill, Qld 4059 – and include your cheque or money order and renewal form.
- ❖ In person at a General Meeting and include the renewal form
- ❖ Or by EFT (electronic funds transfer)
 - Bank :- QT Mutual Bank
 - Account Name :- Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club
 - BSB :- 804002
 - Account no :- 1567184
- If you pay by EFT it is vitally important you identify who has made the payment. Include your initial and family name and include the comment about subs – eg "J Citizen - BCBC subs".
- If you pay by EFT please email the Club on briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au with your details.
- Also you need to complete the membership form and submit it to the Club as per the renewal form.
- The Fee Payable is as per the renewal form. (For ordinary members it is \$40).

Phil Murray,
Membership Officer
Ph 0416 650 160

Members Register – what year did you join?

I mentioned last month that I am trying to update the Members register and in particular I am trying to ascertain when our members

actually joined the Club and what was their first walk with the Club. I am slowly getting around to asking people and so far for most people I have asked it is a very clear memory and they have been happy to share.

WANTED TO BUY

The following books are wanted :

1. Hammond and Young
The Bushwalkers Guide to South East Queensland (1973)
2. Tony Groom and Trevor Gynther
100 Walks in South Queensland (1980)
3. Ross Buchanan
Bushpeople's Guide to Bushwalking in South East Queensland (1987 reprinted several times)
4. Thomas W. Lackner
Discovering Green Mountains (O'Reilly's) on foot

If you have the above books please contact Phil Murray, who would like to purchase them from you on behalf of the Club.

Ph 0416 650 160

Email philmurray16@gmail.com

See you on the track. Phil.

NEW ADDITION TO THE WALKING PROGRAM

Midweek Walks

At the March Committee Meeting a decision was made to allow for the introduction of regular mid-week walks. The walks will be offered once a month on the first Thursday of the month.

The rationale for this new addition to the walks program was that the demographic profile of the Club is changing to a more mature age profile. Further, many of the Club members have reached the idyllic days of retirement and therefore do not have work commitments that preclude them from attending a mid-week walk. Plus many of the Club's members have the option to take a rostered day off and what could be better than taking a day off for a mid-week walk.

Already this year there are 3 mid-week walks offered in 2015.

- Thurs Apr 9th Mt Superbus & Lincoln Wreck
- Wed Apr 15th West Canungra Creek Circuit
- Thurs Oct 1st Broken Head to Lennox Head

There would be several options for the Club in offering mid-week walks. The Club could continue offering ad-hoc mid-week walks. But the preferred option was to offer an organised mid-week walk once a month on a dedicated day eg. the first Thursday of the month. Also the first Thursday of the month aligned with the July and October school holidays.

Why the first Thursday? Because it is an easy day to remember and it follows the well proven pattern of the Melbourne Cup which is always on the first Tuesday of the month. Plus the Reserve Bank of Australia always has their Board meeting to set interest rates on the first Tuesday of the month.

Why a Thursday? Firstly, Monday and Friday were out because they weren't mid-week. Tuesday's were out as the probable leaders for these walks were busy on a Tuesday. Wednesday were busy as there is already a program of walks offered on a Wednesday by another bushwalking group that several of our members walk with and we didn't want to clash with them so that left Thursday.

The program set out below was designed to offer mainly traditional bushwalks and the more modern fare of beach walks. Also the plan is to try to keep the walks close to Brisbane where possible so the driving time is not too onerous.

The program for the rest of 2015 is proposed to be as follows:-

- 7th May Helidon Hills
- 4th June Mt Goolman
- 2nd July Trachyte Circuit & Mt Tibberwocum
- 6th Aug Mt May (a warm up for Mt Barney)
- 3rd Sept North Stradbroke Island
- 1st Oct Broken Head to Lennox Head
- 5th Nov Castle Crag (O'Reilly's)
- 3rd Dec Purling Brook Falls

To assist in ensuring the walks have a leader I am willing to lead the above trips. But Justin has indicated he was interested in leading the North Straddie trip. In time hopefully the mid-week walks become an integral part of the club's normal walks program.

BCBC PICTORIAL

As Russ explained in his report last month, a decision has been made to capture a selection of 2015 photos from Club events in a digital photo book.

Terry, Phil and I will form the sub-committee to collect photos and compile the album. Everyone else will take the photos!! The members of the sub-committee have been authorized to make the selections from those submitted.

Photos need to be of reasonably good quality to survive the laboratory processes and would, ideally, be a mixture of scenery and people shots. Anyone wishing for their faces not to be included would need to notify a member of the sub-committee. Any photos of Club events posted on Facebook are assumed to be available for consideration, unless we are told otherwise. Just friend me so I can see your photos!

I am currently investigating the best way to send photos without losing too much quality and will advise as soon as this has been sorted. At this stage it is planned to acknowledge the walk, its date, people in the photos and the photographers, but the project is a work in progress, so anything and everything could change.

We are hoping that many members will enter into the spirit of this fun project and submit photos for consideration. As the compilation of the book is quite time consuming it needs to be done incrementally. To this end it would be ideal to get the submissions as soon as possible after the event.

Any suggestions for a groovy working title for the project will be gratefully received. Liz.

LOST AND FOUND

The Club's photographic album has disappeared. The thought is that someone borrowed it and has forgotten to return it. If you find it, please let Graham Glasse, our Secretary know.

AROUND THE RIDGES

Food for Thought

Shift in Club's Demographic Profile and mid-week trips.

In the 2014 Annual Report I did an analysis of the club's demographics. The analysis

confirmed the shift of the club's age profile into a more mature age bracket. Rather than look at this shift as a negative we should look at the positives from this change. As members move into the older age bracket more members are retired and therefore have less constraints on their time from work commitments and therefore have more opportunities for mid-week walks.

At the March Committee meeting The Committee endorsed the proposal for a monthly mid-week day walk. There is a quick article about this later in the magazine. The regular monthly mid-week walk is not the only opportunity that may come from the change in the Club's shift in age profile.

Perhaps there is room for other activities like a mid-week social once a month. Another option is that we have a mid-week city walk once a month but rather than a day walk have a 3 hour walk ie. a half day City Walk.

Another option is that the interstate trips to Sydney and Melbourne could be held mid-week. In the past these trips have being aligned with weekend trips. Perhaps the better option is to do a 5 day trip mid-week trip to an interstate venue once a year. I have often wondered about doing a set of walks around Philip Island (Woolamai, the Bass Coastal Walk) and around the Geelong area. Another option is to do a trip to Canberra mid-week. The main trip I want to do is a trip to the Blue Mountains trip based around Katoomba.

I know I am a dreamer but we need dreams before we can make plans. Do you have any bushwalking dreams you want to share. I am sure there are other dreams and ideas out there.

Bushfires Take Toll of Bibbulmun Track

Several bushfires are currently burning in the south west in the vicinity of the Track. Despite the amazing efforts of the fire fighters including volunteers, Parks and Wildlife staff and DFES fire fighters, we understand that a number of Bibbulmun Track campsites and a significant amount of infrastructure has been affected by the fires.

Military March for Afghan War Servicemen Saturday 21st March

For those who like men in uniforms. There is a memorial march for the servicemen and servicewomen who served in Afghanistan on Operation Slipper.

The March is on Saturday 21st March in Brisbane. The March is from near the Theodore Club to Southbank. The exact details were given as follows. (I was interested in the language they used)

Time: The march will commence at 10.30am. The memorial service will take place immediately after the conclusion of the march on the grassed area on the Southbank Forecourt.

March route: The parade will march down Adelaide Street with an eyes right given at the Shrine of Remembrance and the saluting dais located at King George Square, left wheel down George Street, right wheel down Elizabeth Street, right wheel down William Street, left wheel across crossing North Quay and Victoria Bridge, then left wheel onto the grassed area of the Southbank Forecourt. Units will then be guided to form up to view the memorial service.

Some members of the Club have relatives in the March.

Bushwalkers Annual Pilgrimage

The Queensland Bushwalkers Club Inc., is proud to be the host for Pilgrimage 2015.

Venue: Kalbar Showgrounds

Date: 14 - 16 August 2015

A web page has been set up at <https://sites.google.com/site/qldbwc/pilgrimage-2015>

The program for the weekend plus the first draft of the walks are there.

The Pyjama Foundation Long Road Fundraising Walks

The Pyjama Foundation is a charity that supports children in foster care through a learning based mentoring program centred on developing literacy and numeracy. 'Pyjama Angels' are volunteers who are matched with a child in foster care.

The Long Road is a series of 10-12km Fundraising walks across Queensland, Sydney and Melbourne.

Brisbane: Sandgate – Saturday 28 March 2015, at Sandgate Foreshores (Arthur Davis Park).

Ipswich: Saturday 28 March, 2015, at Queens Park, 10 Milford Street, Ipswich – for more info: Ipswich Long Road

Gold Coast: Sunday 29 March 2015, at Hollindale Park, Seaworld Drive, Main Beach,

Sue Murray is a volunteer Pyjama Angel with The Pyjama Foundation. She would really appreciate your support of The *Long Road* event to raise funds for children in foster care. You can help by joining her and participating in the event; encouraging friends and family to participate; sponsoring the event and/or by donating to her fundraising page.

For more information and to register for *The Long Road* visit: www.thepyjamafoundation.com

To donate to Sue's fundraising page: <https://the-pyjama-foundation.giveeasy.org/campaigns/the-long-road-walk-for-the-pyjama-foundation/>

Thank you for your support

PAST EVENTS

PYTHON ROCK VIA TOOLONA CIRCUIT & MORAN'S FALLS SUNDAY 25th JANUARY DAY WALK

Weather: Very warm – temp about 30° – Brisbane had its hottest day for January this day at 36.6°.

Attendance: 14 – Members – 12 – Phil Murray, Peggy Roe, Julieanne Williamson, Andrea Turner, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernotas, Sophia Ramsay, John Hood, Terry Silk, Justin Tobin, Alan Hodgson (who is our newest member) and I nearly forgot Paddy Taylor.

Visitors – 2 – Maria Stalker & Hannah Hodgson (Alan's daughter and the fittest person on the walk).

Brisbane and the Gold Coast had very heavy rain (Brisbane 165 mm and the Gold Coast 287 mm) on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning before the walk. With all this heavy rain I thought that my Australia Day Weekend day walk would be thwarted once again. But the rain cleared on Saturday morning. Sunday was a beautiful sunny day and it was great to get out in the wilderness.

Plan A was to do the Toolona Creek Circuit but the heavy rain from the week before meant the water level in the creek would be up. Rather than pre-judge things we started on our walk according to Plan A. We had morning tea at Picnic Rock. The water was up but there was still enough room for everyone to sit down. After morning tea we had a quick look at Elabana Falls. (The falls were cover photo on the January Jilalan.) I got a quick photo of the falls.

Then it was off to Toolona Creek. We came to our first crossing. The water was up and the blue Crayfish were out in abundance. We spotted nearly a dozen blue crays in the small area where the track meets the creek. I tried to get across the creek and promptly slipped into the water which was in places above my knees. No one actually complained loudly that they wouldn't do the crossing. But there were lots of concerned frowns and no smiles in the group

and this was only the first of about 10 crossings to do.

There was lots of discussion about whether we should continue and looked at the possibility of splitting the group and the risk takers pushing on. I didn't think it was worth the risk of coercing people to do continue on. So after about 10 minutes of dilly dallying I made the call for the group and decided to keep the group together and head back to O'Reilly's and do another walk. A major factor in my decision was that barely two weeks ago a walker on another trip fell over and broke her wrist. I didn't think it was worth tempting fate of scrambling over wet rocks for a few hours. So Plan A was abandoned. The issue becomes what do we do now. (I should add that no one complained that we changed the plan).

The first option was to walk along the Border Track up to Wanungra Lookout. A long slog with minimal views. I suggested Plan C which was to visit Python Rock, have lunch there and enjoy the views and then come back to O'Reilly's via Moran's Falls and the Wishing Tree track. This we duly did. On the way back from Picnic Rock we stopped and did the Tree Top walk.

We then walked past O'Reilly's which was 'busy as'. The carpark was completely full. Usually when we park there it is empty. We then walked along to the road to the turnoff.

We then walked along to the road to the turnoff. We zoomed along the 1.5 km track to the Lookout. The views from Python Rock were excellent. The viewing platform had being rebuilt. But it seemed to be very similar to the previous platform. The good news was that we had the viewing platform to ourselves and enjoyed the views of Mt Barney and the Main Range. We then visited Moran's Fall's and came back via the Wishing Tree Track and we also stopped and had a look at Mick's Tower.

It was a long day as we didn't finish until 5.15 pm. The drive down the mountain was nice but we got a small sun shower from a passing storm that made visibility an issue at times.

We spotted several birds and animals on the day. On the drive up we spotted several wallabies which were the Pretty Faced Wallabies. Near the turnoff to Python Rock we spotted an eastern Whipbird which is easy to recognise – it is medium size bird about 25 cm long, it is a mainly black bird with a splash of white down its chest and as it has a distinct

crest on its head – the crest is like a mini Mohawk. It was busy chasing insects under the bark and most of the group got to see it before it flew off. At the end of the day near Moran's Falls we saw several paddy melons It was a very enjoyable day.

The other major nature moment was that several tree logs on the ground were absolutely covered by bright orange mushrooms. I had seen these mushrooms once before on the very wet trip on the Coomera Circuit led by Brenda Keogh. These mushrooms were a bright fluorescent colour and seemed to be on nearly every dead log on the ground. Their caps were about 2 cm in diameter. I later identified them as the orange gilled bonnet. (*Mycena leaiana* var. *australis*).

It was easy to identify this mushroom as the Reference book on mushrooms by Dr Tony Young, *A field Guide to the Fungi of Australia*, has a lovely photo of this mushroom on the front cover, but bizarrely the book doesn't have a note inside the cover to identify the cover photo. Thankfully, there was another photo of the mushrooms on plate 12. Another anomaly with the book by Tony Young is that for its Common Name it said it had none (see page 159). I found the common name in the book Pat & Ed Grey, *Fungi Down Under* at page 48). Obviously the common name is not very common. Apparently this species is very common in North America and hence the Australian variety has its own name by adding the words *australis* at the end of the name. The issue I ask myself is how does the same species exist in two far flung corners of the world? Phil.

THE ST VINNIES COFFEE NIGHT @ THE GAYTHORNE RSL WEDNESDAY 28th JANUARY SOCIAL

This night is our annual fundraiser for the St Vincent de Paul Society.

We gathered from 6pm and found our tables. Over the next hour the numbers climbed to 26. It was a leisurely affair with lots of talk, people moving around our two tables to catch up with friends, ordering meals at different times so as not to overload the waiters, and good company.

Some had not seen friends for months, we had two rarely seen members, we had newer members, we the old hands, and more.

The Club was not over crowded, there was no music to drown out conversation, the food was good as usual, the surroundings pleasant, the guest bus ran on time, public transport was at the door, you could get there direct from work; what more could you want.

Thanks to all those for coming and donating generously to St Vinnies: Michele E; Terry S; Susan, Mary & Justin T; Karen F; Michael S; Bernadette & Jack Desmond; Louise & Russell J; Bill Perry; Adam Kurpil; Andrea T; Robin T; Barbara E; Anne I; Graham G; Peter C; Liz L; Trevor K; Jan & Russ N; Pat L and Jonas B. Greg E.

BARE ROCK SATURDAY 31st JANUARY DAY WALK

We had 12 walkers on Bare Rock with 2 cars leaving from Redhill with Russ and Jan picking up Paddy and Sofia and I picked up Jonas and Jack at Goodna. After toilet stop at Aratula we headed to Cunningham's gap for the start of the walk.

With very little cloud in the sky we set off about 9:00am through the rainforest –absolutely beautiful way to spend a summer's day. Pat decided to have a bit of a break and do a short walk later on. It was very pleasant walking enjoying the coolness of the rainforest; we meandered on past the first land slip where national parks have re-routed the track, the old track washed half way down the mountain. After the recent rain there was water flowing in some of the gorges, and some vegetation, mostly ferns are starting to take root in the land slip areas.

We finally had smoko at Mt. Cordeaux about 11am; we noticed that the cloud had dropped significantly impeding our views from the top. This area is always an amazing place for cloud formations and today was no different. After a generous smoko we headed on to Bare Rock following the ridge in a westerly direction.

We arrived at Bare Rock at around 12'oclock, the cloud had lifted so we could enjoy the views over the Fassifern valley and the main range.

Russ read out the prayer Our Lady of the Way, a fitting tribute for a recent tragedy suffered by a fellow bushwalker, and also for the group that Jonas had been talking to, they had lost a friend in a snowboarding accident, and they had spread his ashes on the top of the mountain.

By the time we had finished lunch the cloud was closing in again, and we headed back along the ridge to Cordeaux, and back along the graded track to the cars. We stopped at Aratula for Coffee and headed back home.

Thanks Justin for helping with pre-outing, and the drivers Russ and Andrea, thanks also to Jack, Jonas, Pat, Julie-Ann, Maria, Jan, Paddy, Sofia for coming along to see a special place. Trev.

ANNUAL MASS & DINNER SATURDAY 21st FEBRUARY RELIGIOUS CEREMONY & SOCIAL

Not even a category five cyclone could keep us away!! As the rain depression that had earlier been Cyclone Marcia dumped heavy rain on Brisbane, thirty seven intrepid members and guests made their way through the weather to St Carthage's Church at Gordon Park for the Annual Mass.

The smallish church suited our purposes very nicely and allowed for an intimacy and warmth in the celebration. The special ceremony was an appropriate way to begin the 58th year of our club and to give thanks for all the blessings of the 57th year of walking.

The Mass was concelebrated by Russ and Father Frank O'Dea. Father Frank was already known to the Club as he had said the 1980 Barney Mass. He indicated that he remembers it well, but not necessarily fondly. He found Logan's Ridge a little daunting.

Cathy undertook the first reading from Isaiah which dealt with the covenant between Yahweh and the Hebrews. The Responsorial Psalm, led by Mary, followed a similar theme and the Gospel Acclamation reminded all to turn to God and live. Russ read the Gospel about Jesus supping with a tax collector.

Father Frank delivered a pertinent homily especially directed at bushwalking and pilgrimage. It was fitting that he mentioned the Camino because the five club members who walked the route last year were present at the Mass.

Michele led the Prayers of the People in which we remembered our history, those who have died and those who have supported us.

Peggy directed the music. She was assisted by Anne. This year, we managed to select songs that most people could join in!!

The five BCBC candles, each representing one year of the club's life, were presented by Antonia, Trevor, Mike, Marian and Paddy. The offertory gifts were introduced by Louise and brought forward by Therese, Gerry and Mike. Pat assisted with the distribution of communion. Following Communion, Russ presented the annual awards. The recipients were Terry, (Most Walks), Gerry (Rookie of the Year), Karen (Most Improved Bushwalker) and Michele J (Father Ed Nally Bushwalker of the Year). Congratulations to all for a wonderful year of walking!

Gerry and Michele were the official photographers and we look forward to viewing their records.

Following Mass, we moved to the Stafford Tavern, where Greg had organized tables for us in a secluded part of the bistro. Everyone seemed to enjoy their food. There was certainly a large variety from which to choose.

The camaraderie that was established at the Mass continued through the meal and many lingered for some time after eating, savouring the companionable atmosphere and the comfortable conversations.

Thanks to all who attended and all who contributed to this very special annual celebration.

Members who attended the Mass and Dinner were Therese Abernethy, Jonas Bernotas, Gerry Burges, Barry Crawford, Bernadette Desmond, John Desmond, Greg Endicott, Michele Endicott, Graham Glasse, John Hood, Maree Hutchinson, Anne Iron, Louise Jones, Russell Jones, Trevor Kelly, Maria Kerruish, Pat Lawton, Liz Little, Phil Murray (joined by Sue Murray), Jan Nelson, Russ Nelson, Sofia Ramsay, Peggy Roe, Terry Silk, Antonia Simpson, Paddy Taylor, Cathy Wood and Mike Wood.

Others who were present at the Mass were Marian Arthur, Maria Galvin, Merv Galvin, Karen Franklin, Frank O'Dea, Michael Simpson, Justin Tobin and Mary Tobin. Former member, Brian Purvis, joined us for dinner. Liz.

DINNER & COFFEE NIGHT WEDNESDAY 25th FEBRUARY SOCIAL

Nine members gathered at the Coffee Club at The Gap on a very pleasant evening. As a consequence of the balmy conditions, we chose

to dine alfresco in the front section of the restaurant.

We did attempt to meet at this venue last August but it was closed for renovation. Fortunately the new design has been successful; it now appears more spacious and has been fitted out with new furnishings.

Trade on the night was light but there was another larger group associated with the local soccer group in attendance. They occupied a new meeting area at the rear of the restaurant; it is enclosed mainly in glass.

The menu offered typical, reliable Coffee Club fare. Everyone enjoyed their food and drinks. Thanks to Gerry, Liz, Pat, Jonas, Terry, Greg, Michele, Lucy, and Graham for supporting this coffee night.

CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY SUNDAY 1st MARCH DAY WALK

A rather hot first day of autumn saw four of us join a large enthusiastic group at the Downfall Creek Bushland Centre for Clean-Up Australia Day. As bushwalkers we were allocated the walking tracks within the reserve. Our number was boosted by a family group of three who regularly use the park and had participated in past clean ups. (The husband is a park ranger at Conondale.)

As I expected, from past use of the tracks, we did not find much litter. Because Justin went off track and followed the creek, he managed to collect the most litter. As warned by the coordinator, we did find a dump site which had been exposed by our recent heavy rain and which contained asbestos. We marked this site on our map so that the proper authorities could clear this area.

Early in the piece, we lost Gerry and we feared that he had headed back to the park headquarters so that he would be first in line for the free sausage sizzle. After covering our allotted area, we returned to our starting point to find Gerry waiting patiently and sausage-less, thus allowing me to be the first of our group to sample the sausage sizzle. The sausages and complimentary water and soft drinks went down well and there were enough sausages left over to for us to have seconds.

The litter collected was sorted into recyclable and non-recyclable and a rough tally recorded.

Thank you to those who joined me; John Hood, Justin Tobin and Gerry Burges. Terry.

**WAVE BREAK ISLAND
SATURDAY 7th MARCH
DAY WALK**



A Royal Wave From Queen Liz

Weather: very warm – temp about 29° – Wind – very light – at 12 noon – ESE at 9 kph – at 2pm ENE at 17 kph.

Distance: 12 km

Attendance: 25 – 21 Members and 4 visitors.

Members – John Hood, Barry Crawford, Sophia Ramsay, Russell Jones, Paddy Taylor, Louise Jones, Justin Tobin, Greg Endicott, Michele Endicott, Mignon Hardie, Robin Thorn, Liz Little, Janell Sammon, Maria Kerruish, Gerry Burges, Phil Murray, Cathy Pitt, Mike Wood, Cathy Wood, Jenny Dancer, Rosie O'Brien,
Visitors - Kay Heidke, Barbara Abey, Frances Mort, Dave Mort.

An absolutely lovely day. One of the best walks I have ever done. This trip is a circuit around the southern end of the Southport Broadwater.

We started at the Grand Hotel at Labrador, we walked along the pathways down past the Broadwater Parklands. Had a quick look at the new Gold Coast Swimming Complex. But we couldn't see any stands for spectators. Just past swimming pool we had our first morning tea under the shade of some lovely cottonwood trees.

We then had a quick look at the 'new' Southport Jetty which extended about 100 metres into the Broadwater. Lovely views from here. Liz and Cathy were keen to have a swim and had a dip in the 'swimming enclosure' that keeps the bull sharks out, and that's no bull.

For a trip to be officially classed as a "Walk" the trip has to be over 10 kms long and have a hill.

The trip was 11.8 km and so all we needed we needed was a hill. After the first morning tea we spotted a large mound (elevation approximately 10 metres and it was deemed worthy to be a hill). We duly scaled the hill and reached the summit with a sense of satisfaction and relief.

On the summit there is an enormous sculpture of a young girl called Maddie. It was presumed to be some sacred artifact of a long gone civilization probably from the 1990s. We duly gathered as a group and had our photo taken beside Maddie as proof that we had summited the hill.



Maddie# And Friends On The Hill

(Gerry, Cathy Pitt, Louise J, Phil, Michele E, Justin T, Dave M Frances M, Maria K, Barry C, Sophia R, Kay H, Barbara & John Hood.)

There is evidence on Google that Maddie was designed and created by Gold Coast artist and award-winning Hollywood animator John Cox. If you look carefully at the photo you will see Maddie's little friend Mike behind Maria. I did some research and discovered the sculpture was designed and created in 2010.

We crossed the new pedestrian bridge across the Nerang River. It is very wide. The old bridge had a "pedestrian walkway" that was barely wide enough for two people. The new one is huge.

We then zig zagged through a few streets to the ocean beach at Main Beach. At Main Beach there was a beach, a coffee shop and a surf club and a picnic area. So we had our second morning tea. Some took the opportunity for a swim. Most just took a rest in the shade under the Norfolk Island pine trees. Then it was leisurely stroll up the beach to the Gold Coast Seaway.

It was only 4 kms so it was easy for most but some found the heat factor just a bit much. Cathy W and Liz spotted another flagged area which of course meant another swim. We then

followed the rock retaining wall around until we find a nice beach.

We were met here by Chris of Broadwater Water Taxi. A small speedboat. It was sense of excitement getting in the boat and venturing out with all the other boats. The transfer across to Wave Break was without incident. We went to the usual spot which is the southern corner of the facing beach. Once on the Island the vibe had changed completely. There was less hustle and bustle. (especially from irate bogan fisherman who were peeved when we walked into their fishing lines).



The Beach Walk

A highlight of Wave Break was that Greg Endicott had surpassed himself and provided a lovely picnic spread of cheese and biscuits with the obligatory glass of red wine. A very fine merlot, I believe. We then enjoyed a long leisurely lunch.

After lunch there was still an hour to while away so we went swimming and enjoyed watching the busy water traffic zipping up and down the Broadwater as we just floated in the shallows.

After we got out of the water there was just enough time to do a quick exploration of the island. So we made a quick dash along the beach to the northern end.

By the time we returned it was nearly 3 pm which was the time we were supposed to be collected from the western side of the island. So we made a quick dash across the island through the bush. We got there at 3.08 pm. But no Chris and no water taxi. Were we stranded? After about 10 minutes Chris arrived and was apologetic as we was held up as he had to refuel. Chris was a real gentlemen and helped the ladies on to the boat which was a bit tricky.

For those with long legs like Mike Wood it was just a quick straddle.



***What Are They Looking At??
Water Babies On Wave Break Island***

Chris then took us back to the jetty adjacent to the Grand Hotel. We were back on the mainland by 3.45 pm. A quick bite to eat at Charis Seafood. Perhaps I should say a slow bite.

I had a great time and hope to go again soon. I will be requesting that we put this walk on the calendar for March next year provided of course the governments hasn't decided to allow the developers to develop the Island into a cruise terminal with a huge housing development and casino.

Some thank yous. - I usually collect the trip fees at the end of the walk but for this trip I needed the requisite funds to pay the Water Taxi man (\$270). So I collected the funds at the start of the trip. It was amazing how many people had the correct change. So I was able to get the money sorted in a flash. So thanks to everyone for bringing the right change and thanks to Maria Kerruish who assisted by acting as the Chief Purser (all cruise ships have a chief purser). Thanks to Liz Little who acted as the Marshall at Red Hill and a quick thanks to the drivers, Greg, John, Liz and Rusty. Thanks to Liz and Paddy who posted the photos on facebook which I borrowed for this article. Apologies to Gerry and Sophia as I inadvertently omitted their names from the list of people on the walk that I emailed to Liz. Thankfully we had spare seats in the cars and there were no dramas that required a major rejig. Phil

HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

VISITORS – for general enquiries contact Greg on Ph: 3351 4092.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, at 7:30pm. The location is St Michael's Parish Hall, Banks St, Dorrington. The hall is on the terrace below the church, out of sight – drive down to the lower car park.

VISITORS are always welcome.

OUTINGS

- (a) Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- (b) Walk departures are usually from Red Hill Parish Hall, 78 Musgrave Rd. Check "Jilalan" to determine the location to be sure.
- (c) The Club will usually organise transport for each outing, but you must nominate in advance to the leader. Contacting someone else may lead to your nomination becoming "lost". Nominations should preferably be made by the Wednesday night prior to the activity so that transport etc. can be arranged. Note that nominations for some walks may close well in advance of this. Late nominations may not be accepted.
- (d) Walkers are responsible for their own transport to and from the departure point.
- (e) Walks are rarely cancelled – if they are, all nominees will be notified. Do not presume that outings are cancelled – ie, because of bad weather.
- (f) Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a Club event, please notify the leader as soon as possible.
- (g) If you are running late for the departure point, ring the Emergency Officer, or if the leader shows a mobile phone number, phone the leader.
- (h) All visitors must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance purposes.

EMERGENCY OFFICER: If you have not returned from an outing by 9:00pm, your family may ring the Emergency Officer (Or "EO" or "Emerg Off") for that outing – but please they are not to panic. If the EO is not mentioned, ring either the President or Vice President. IF any action is to occur, the Club will arrange it.

<http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au/EmergOffSyst.html>

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